## ADR SURVEY OF ATTORNEYS Pilot project results

## March 2002

Figure 1: Respondents by county

| COUNTY    | # OF RESPONSES | % OF TOTAL |
|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Waukesha  | 286            | 45.5%      |
| Winnebago | 163            | 26.0%      |
| LaCrosse  | 121            | 19.2%      |
| Oneida    | 31             | 4.9%       |
| Calumet   | 28             | 4.5%       |
| TOTAL     | 629            | 100%       |

Figure 2: Case code/type

| CASE CODE/TYPE              | # OF CASES | % OF TOTAL |  |  |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| 30101: Pers. injury – auto  | 464        | 73.9%      |  |  |
| 30107: Pers. injury – other | 86         | 13.7%      |  |  |
| 30106: Intentional tort     | 28         | 4.5%       |  |  |
| 30201: Property damage      | 16         | 2.5%       |  |  |
| 30100: Products liability   | 12         | 1.9%       |  |  |
| 30104: Med. malp. – Ch. 655 | 11         | 1.8%       |  |  |
| 30103: Med. malp other      | 6          | 1.0%       |  |  |
| 30105: Wrongful death       | 5          | 0.8%       |  |  |
| TOTAL                       | 628        | 100%       |  |  |

Figure 3: Frequency of ADR use

| WAS ADR USED? | # OF CASES | % OF TOTAL |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Yes           | 333        | 53.2%      |
| No            | 293        | 46.8%      |

Figure 4: Why ADR was not used

| REASON                     | # OF CASES | % OF TOTAL |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| "Other"*                   | 235        | 85.2%      |
| Case inappropriate for ADR | 37         | 13.4%      |
| Defendant declined         | 4          | 1.5%       |
| Plaintiff declined         | 0          | 0%         |
| TOTAL                      | 276        | 100%       |

<sup>\*</sup> The most common "other" reason was direct negotiations among attorneys.

Figure 5: Type of ADR used

| ADR TYPE           | # OF CASES | % OF TOTAL |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Mediation          | 325        | 97.9%      |
| "Other"*           | 6          | 1.8%       |
| Summary jury trial | 1          | 0.3%       |

<sup>\*</sup> The "other" ADR type listed was binding arbitration.

Figure 6: ADR as a factor in settlement

| EXTENT OF ADR AS A FACTOR | # OF CASES | % OF TOTAL |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Major factor              | 189        | 64.3%      |
| Somewhat of a factor      | 80         | 27.2%      |
| Sole factor               | 16         | 5.4%       |
| No factor                 | 9          | 3.1%       |
| TOTAL                     | 294        | 100%       |

Figure 7: Case type and ADR method used

| CASE TYPE           | MEDIATION | OTHER (binding arb.) | SUMMARY JURY<br>TRIAL |  |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Pers. injury – auto | 254       | 6                    | 1                     |  |
| Pers. injury –      | 41        | 0                    | 0                     |  |
| other               |           |                      |                       |  |
| Intentional tort    | 10        | 0                    | 0                     |  |
| Products liability  | 6         | 0                    | 0                     |  |
| Med. malp. – Ch.    | 4         | 0                    | 0                     |  |
| 655                 |           |                      |                       |  |
| Property damage     | 3         | 0                    | 0                     |  |
| Med. malp. –        | 3         | 0                    | 0                     |  |
| other               |           |                      |                       |  |
| Wrongful death      | 3         | 0                    | 0                     |  |
| TOTAL               | 324       | 6                    | 1                     |  |

Figure 8: Case type and ADR method used,\* by county

| CASE TYPE            | Waukesha | Winnebago | LaCrosse | Oneida | Calumet | TOTALS |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|--------|
| Pers. injury – auto  |          |           |          |        |         |        |
| Mediation            | 130      | 57        | 43       | 13     | 11      | 254    |
| Bind. arb.           | 3        | 0         | 2        | 1      | 0       | 6      |
| Summ. jury trial     | 0        | 1         | 0        | 0      | 0       | 1      |
| Pers. injury – other | 12       | 10        | 16       | 0      | 3       | 41     |
|                      |          |           |          |        |         |        |
| Intentional tort     | 8        | 0         | 0        | 2      | 0       | 10     |
| Products liability   | 4        | 0         | 2        | 0      | 0       | 6      |
| Med. malp. – Ch. 655 | 2        | 2         | 0        | 0      | 0       | 4      |
| Property damage      | 3        | 0         | 0        | 0      | 0       | 3      |
| Med. malp. – other   | 0        | 0         | 2        | 0      | 1       | 3      |
| Wrongful death       | 1        | 2         | 0        | 0      | 0       | 3      |
| TOTALS:              | 163      | 72        | 65       | 16     | 15      | 331    |

<sup>\*</sup> ADR method is mediation unless otherwise indicated.